# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

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ANNUAL SURPLUS REVENUE OF DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the annual surplus revenue of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) was Rs.10,000 crores during 1998-99; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to enlarge it so that the funds could be used for rural telecommunications?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR )

(a) The Department of Telecommunications generates an operating surplus which is excess of income over working expenses, dividend etc. During 1998-99 the operating surplus was Rs.7646.10 crores.

(b) The Department improves this surplus by better realization of revenues and strict control on expenditure. Department`s development plan, including rural sector, are funded by this surplus supplemented by market borrowings, if necessary.